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Yuka MATSUSHITA et al. : **Confirmation No. 1283**
Serial No. 10/553,008 : Group Art Unit 2618
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WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS : **Mail Stop: AF**
TERMINAL, COMMUNICATIONS
PROTOCOL SWITCHING METHOD,
COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL
SWITCHING PROGRAM, AND
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT OF WIRELESS
COMMUNICATIONS TERMINAL

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.133(b), the Applicants make of record the telephone interview (hereafter "interview") conducted in connection with the above-identified application. An interview was conducted between Examiner Daglawi and the Applicants' representative on October 6, 2009.

During the interview, the present invention as recited in independent claim 1 (i.e., as exemplary independent claim) was discussed in detail. Additionally, the arguments and amendments presented in the response filed on September 25, 2009 were also discussed.

During the interview, it was noted that the present invention (i.e., as recited in independent claim 1) is distinguishable from the cited prior art in that an IC card is placed over an automatic ticket gate, and a determination is made regarding whether the contactless communication requires a high security level when a second wireless communications section accesses a memory area storing information regarding electronic money (i.e., for performing an exchange of electronic money with a reader/writer).

Additionally, the present invention (as shown in independent claim 1) prohibits, in order to prevent the first wireless communications section from causing radio interference with the second wireless communications section, mobile telephone communications by the first wireless communications section.

It was further noted that the present invention and Hasegawa are arguably similar with regard to switching states of some functions of a mobile device based on the results of a communication performed by a contact IC card. However, in the present invention, communication of a mobile telephone is prohibited in order to cause a contactless communication performed by a contactless IC to be normally completed when a memory area for storing information regarding electronic money is accessed (i.e., for performing an exchange of electronic money with a reader/writer). On the other hand, Hasegawa performs two related things:

- 1) an entrance check; and
- 2) a mode switching over a mobile telephone based on one communication performed by a contactless IC added entrance gate.

Thus, Hasegawa merely discloses a simple known art device or method having the only distinctive feature of combining the two features noted above (i.e., an entrance check and a mode switching). Nothing in Hasegawa discloses or suggests consideration of the importance of a security level of information being exchanged.

At the conclusion of the interview, the Examiner indicated that further consideration of the arguments presented during the interview and the response filed on September 25, 2009, would be considered in more detail.

Additionally, the Examiner indicated that if the claim amendments set forth in the response raise new issues, it would be necessary to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in order to have the claim amendments entered and considered by the Examiner.

Based on the results of the interview, the Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the arguments presented in the response filed on September 25, 2009, and withdrawal of the rejections in the outstanding Office Action.

If the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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